



*State Senator*

**Dan  
Debicella**



## IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE IN MONROE

Friends,

As your State Senator, my goal is to improve the quality of life for families in Monroe. I believe many of the laws we passed in 2007 will help us in our everyday lives, and I wanted to share with you some of the accomplishments from this year.

- **More Money for Monroe Schools.** Monroe will be receiving an extra \$600,000 in funds from the state for the school year starting this fall, and another \$300,000 on top of that next year. I pressed vigorously for these funds, which will enable Monroe to both improve education for our kids and lower property taxes for our taxpayers.
- **No New State Taxes.** The General Assembly passed a budget that contained no new income or sales taxes, and I was proud to fight against proposals to increase these taxes.
- **Creating Jobs in Monroe.** I wrote a bill to give companies tax credits if they create ten or more jobs in a year, and it was passed unanimously by the General Assembly. I believe this bill will create hundreds of jobs in our region in the next few years.
- **Protecting Monroe Children from Predators.** I was also a co-sponsor of Jessica's Law, which creates a new crime of sexual assault on a minor younger than 13 and carries a 25-year minimum sentence for a first offense and 50-year minimum sentence for a second offense. Stopping these heinous crimes against children from happening and punishing those who commit them is a key victory for families in Connecticut.
- **Stopping Eminent Domain for Private Developers.** The General Assembly passed new restrictions on the use of eminent domain for private development. People's homes should not be taken by the government unless they want to sell - and the law we passed will make it much harder for government to take property without an owner's consent.

If you want more information on any of these issues or if there is anything I can do for you or your family, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (800) 842-1421 or at [dan.debicella@cga.ct.gov](mailto:dan.debicella@cga.ct.gov).

Sincerely,

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